Festival of India

6268. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where the Festival of India was held during 1990-91 and the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) the names of the countries where the Festival of India is proposed to be held during 1991-92 and the expenditure expected to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to ban such Festivals for the present, keeping in view the prevailing financial condition of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No Festival of India was held in any country during the year 1990-91.

(b) A festival of India is being held in the Federal Republic of Germany during the year 1991-92. An expenditure of Rs. 4.8 crores is expected to be incurred on this Festival.

(c) There is no proposal at present to hold Festivals of India in any other country.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Balconies in Government Accommodation

6269.DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many of the allottees of Government accommodation have got there balconies covered by the Estate Office;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof and the time taken by the Estate Office in this regard;

(c) whether many of the allottees have also covered their balconies at their own costs;

(d) if so, whether it is permissible, if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Union Government propose to allow all the interested allottees to cover their balconies and to build temporary garrages (where there are no garrages for ground floor allottees) at their own costs, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Many of the allottees, have got their balconies covered by the CPWD, which is the agency responsible for the maintenance and not the Estate Office.

(b) Prior to 1988, additional licence fee was charged from the allottees, for such construction. However, with effect from 1988, additions/alterations of non-structural character, which are part of the approved scale of amenities, are to be carried out by the CPWD uniformly in all the quarters in a phased manner, subject to availability of funds. The cost of such additions/alterations will not exceed the annual monetary ceiling fixed for different types of accommodation.

If however, an allottee desires to have such additions/alteration in his house carried out on priority basis, he shall have to